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SUBJECT: ETHYL-PERTAMINA CONTRACT DISPUTE

REFS: (A) STATE 53239, (B) JAKARTA 2815

1. EMBASSY CONTACTED ETHYL JAKARTA LAWYER MARCH 14 FOR DISCUSSION OF CURRENT SITUATION. FOLLOWING MORNING, ETHYL REGIONAL REP (DIXON) CALLED EMBOFF FROM MANILA AND WAS BRIEFED ON OUTCOME OF OUR MEETING WITH LAWYER. DIXON IS PASSING ON SUBSTANCE OF CONVERSATION TO HOME OFFICE AS REQUESTED STATUS REPORT (PARA 5, REF A).

2. FYI: LAWYER ADVISED HE HAD SPOKEN EARLIER WITH PERTAMINA'S DARSONO WHO REITERATED SAME OFFER OF FINANCIAL SETTLEMENT AS REPORTED PARA 4, REF B. LAWYER RECOMMENDED AGAINST SEEING SUMARLIN AT THIS POINT IF ETHYL'S CHIEF OBJECTIVE WAS TO ATTEMPT CLEAR THEIR NAME. HE FELT THAT SUMARLIN VERY SENSITIVE TO APPROACHES BY AMERICAN FIRMS AS RESULT RECENT EXPERIENCES WITH PALAPA, RAMAYANA RESTAURANT, AND TANKER CASES. LAWYER CONCERNED THAT ETHYL'S REQUEST LIKELY TO BE INTERPRETED BY SUMARLIN AS EFFORT SEEK LEGAL ACTION. SINCE ETHYL IS NOT ATTEMPTING FILE LEGAL SUIT (WHICH DIXON LATER CONFIRMED), LAWYER FELT PERHPAS MINISTER SADLI WOULD BE MORE APPROPRIATE PERSON TO SEE (AND POSSIBLY

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EASIER TO OBTAIN APPOINTMENT WITH ALSO). WE PASSED THIS INFORMATION TO DIXON.

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